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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/724,685

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS  
FOR IMMUNOTHERAPY AND  
DIAGNOSIS OF TUBERCULOSIS

Examiner: Swartz

Art Unit: 1645

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Communication mailed August 14, 2003 and the Restriction Requirement mailed May 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for one month, from September 14, 2003 to October 14 2003, is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.